

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 4 are pending, with Claim 1 being independent. Claim 1 has been amended. The specification and Abstract have been amended.

The title was objected to as being non-descriptive. All objections are respectfully traversed, and are submitted to have been obviated by the amendment of the title in a manner earnestly believed to avoid the grounds of objection.

Claims 2 and 4 were objected to for use of parentheses. All objections are respectfully traversed, and are submitted to have been obviated by the amendment of the claims in a manner earnestly believed to avoid the grounds of objection, viz, the parentheses have been deleted.

Claims 1 through 4 were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103 over U.S. Patent No. 6,864,918 B2 (Koide), taken alone or in combination with either US 2004/0267914 A1 (Roe, et al.) or UPnP Version 1.0 (2000). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, determining a priority among the plurality of external recording devices, selecting one of the plurality of external recording devices in accordance with the determined priority among the plurality of external recording devices, and controlling the selected external recording device to record the taken images on a second recording medium if the remaining available recording space of the first recording medium reaches a predetermined value.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that none of Koide, Roe, et al., and UPnP, even in the proposed combinations, assuming, *arguendo*, that the documents could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, *inter alia*, in Claim 1. It is also respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at such claimed features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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